**SAR meeting Minutes**

**East Fork Trinity**

**Chapter No. 47**

**Regular Meeting 8-12-21**

**Soulman’s BBQ**

**7:00 PM**

**Call to Order** – Michael Goode 7:00PM

**Invocation** – Jason Gray

**Pledge to the American Flag** – Ben Roper

**Pledge to the Texas Flag** – David Routh

**SAR Affirmation** – Michael Philippi

**Greet Members and Guests** – Michael Goode

Thanks given to Stuart O’Connor for his assistance in conducting the July Regular Meeting on July 8, 2021 while our President Michael Goode was out.

**Program**: Will Perry, “Founders and the Classics”

The Classical period lasted from approximately 1100 BC to 500 AD.   
Classical foundations are generally Greek and Roman in nature.  
  
The founders were classically conditioned. Moral and political lessons were provided by the classical literature.   
A typical learning day was from 8AM to 11AM and 1PM to Dark. Greek was taught first and Latin was taught afterward. The mother tongue (in our case English) was considered something to be taught at home. Beatings were common in school if you didn’t learn your lessons. Some were quoted “They loved the classics just not the teachers that taught them.”  
  
John Witherspoon said a man is not unless he is familiar with the classics.

Thomas Jefferson stated that 4 years of Latin and 2 years of Greek were requirements for entrance to the College he was president at and would eventually become known as Princeton. In 1819 he wrote he “…enjoyed knowing what happened 2 or 300 years ago and not so much the happenings of today today.”

John Adams 1755 commencement speech at Harvard all in Latin.

Only Ivy League schools and small private Colleges and Universities feature classical studies now. Illusions and symbols were used throughout the early times  
  
**Lucius Quinctius**[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucius_Quinctius_Cincinnatus#cite_note-FOOTNOTE''EB''1911-1) (or **Quintius**)[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucius_Quinctius_Cincinnatus#cite_note-FOOTNOTE''AC''1879-2) **Cincinnatus** (Latin: [[ˈluːkɪ.ʊs ˈkᶣiːŋktɪ.ʊs kɪŋkɪnˈnaːtʊs, - ˈkᶣiːntɪ.ʊs -]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/Latin); c. 519 – c. 430 BC)[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucius_Quinctius_Cincinnatus#cite_note-FOOTNOTE''AC''1879-2)[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucius_Quinctius_Cincinnatus#cite_note-FOOTNOTE''EB''1878784-3) was a [Roman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Rome) [patrician](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrician_(ancient_Rome)), [statesman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Senate), and [military leader](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_army) of the early [Roman Republic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Republic) who became a legendary figure of [Roman virtue](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtus_(virtue))— particularly [civic virtue](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civic_virtue) —by the time of the late Republic.

He came from his plough to assume [complete control over the state](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_dictator) but, upon achieving a swift victory, relinquished his power and its perquisites and returned to his farm. His success and immediate resignation of his near-absolute authority with the end of this crisis (traditionally dated to 458 BC) has often been cited as an example of outstanding leadership, service to the greater good, [civic virtue](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civic_virtue), humility, and mode.  
  
The founders didn’t want to be known as “Ignorant barbarians of the frontier”. Jefferson favored Roman Architecture over Greek Architecture. Part of this was his lack of books containing Greek Architecture and this love of Roman Architecture is what influenced the way our Capital and Washington DC were designed.  
  
It was believed that Self-made gentlemen of the colonial time should surpass others in their classical knowledge.  
  
Cato the younger lived in 95 bc and died after 40 years. Background on Cato from Wikipedia (**Marcus Porcius Cato** ([/ˈkeɪtoʊ/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/English); 95 BC – April 46 BC), also known as **Cato of Utica** ([Latin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Latin_language): *Cato Uticensis*) or **Cato the Younger** (*Cato Minor*), was a conservative Roman [senator](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Senate) in the period of the late republic. A noted orator and a follower of the [Stoic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stoicism) philosophy, he is remembered for his stubbornness and tenacity (especially in his lengthy conflict with [Julius Caesar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julius_Caesar)), as well as his immunity to [bribes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bribery), his moral integrity, and his famous distaste for the ubiquitous [corruption](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Political_corruption) of the period. His epithet "the Younger" distinguishes him from his great-grandfather, [Cato the Elder](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cato_the_Elder).)

Cato was a 1712 play by Joseph Addison. Washington loved this play and frequently quoted or paraphrased it in his interactions with others both in person and in his correspondence. For example in the play Cato act 3 scene 5 likewise Washington rebuked the anonymous author for a mutiny because they didn’t put their name on the letter. GW loved to quote Cato so muchthat he memorized the lines. He said we all needed hero to look up.   
  
Ben Franklin was annoyed about the multitude of classical references during the continental convention. There was much debate during down time about classical references. Ben was not as classically trained and disliked all of the references. He would have rather done a daily prayer.

A certificate of Appreciation was presented to Will Perry for the wonderful Program he Presented tonight.

**Approval of June Meeting Minutes**

1st Kevin Clark

2nd Bob Vickers

**New Business**

South Central District Meeting August 27 and 28 at Hyatt Regency Richardson-Dallas  
Fall BOM Clear Lake City, Texas October 7 - 10  
Membership program and Manuals are coming out to assist new officers. They can be located on the State website in private section.

**Treasurer Report** - Will Perry

Report runs last day of the month to the next to last day of the following month.

See attached Report.

We will be losing Will as our Treasurer as he will be moving with his wife to Austin for her job.

**Color Guard Report** - Bob Kubin

The Opening Parade at the State Fair of Texas has been elevated to a State event and will earn 10 Points.

Working the Membership table @ the State Fair of Texas is a State Event and will earn 10 Points

The Gainesville Medal of Honor Parade is now a national event and is worth 20 Points as well as one time participation in this Parade will earn Guardsmen the Bronze Galvez Color Guard Medal. (This was previously only an option if you attended the Galvez Parade in Laredo.)

For additional information please see the attached Color Guard Report.

**Registrar’s Report** - David Powell

3 applications approved last Month. As of this month 10have made it through claring the backlog at national.  
3 supplemental are currently at national because 1 supplemental was finally approved this month after a year.   
1 new prospect application done and sent to state and another possible

Fees have increased for all applications.

**Birthdays** - Chet Frith, James Lawson, Robert Sparks, Bob Vickers

**Door Prize Drawing –** Randall van Heyst

**SAR Closing** – Stuart O’Conner

**Benediction** - Jason Gray

**Declaration of Adjournment** – 7:43 PM